

WILL THIS PROPOSED HANGING BE A CASE OF "BLOOD SACRIFICE"?



The Slain Girl and the Man Georgia
Wants to Hang for the Murder.

Atlanta, Ga., March 12.—"I am being made a blood sacrifice! The state of Georgia wills that my life be taken as a blood atonement for the poor little girl who was ruthlessly killed by another!"

This is the dramatic declaration of Leo M. Frank, well-to-do Jew who is sentenced to die for the murder of Mary Phagan, a girl employe in his factory here. Five persons whose evidence was most incriminating to Frank have just made affidavit that their original statements were false.

And the people of Georgia are now asking themselves if they are not about to commit, in the name of justice, a second murder, as brutal and base as the first.

Has not a "civilized" American community, they are asking, just sur-

passed in iniquity that gloomiest outrage of uncivilized Russia—the Bellis trial? Russia, fearful of a burst of world-wide condemnation, acquitted Mendel Bellis, the Jew. Georgia, they admit, despite the trend of a broader public opinion, has convicted Leo M. Frank, the Jew. He must die on the 17th of April next—his thirtieth birthday!

The solemn conviction that Frank is innocent is moving the minds of thousands of his fellow citizens. It is asserted that enough new and suppressed evidence has been obtained by the defense to acquit him if given another trial. Five affidavits just made public, are claimed to prove that the trial of Frank was a hounding and persecution.

Mrs. Nina Formby solemnly swears